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Colton Joint Unified

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Upland Unified

Frank Miranda, Ed.D.
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Douglass Moss, Ph.D.
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Mountain View

Trenae Nelson
Desert/Mountain
Apple Valley Unified

Amy Nguyen-Hernandez, Ed.D.
West End
Central

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SBCSBA Legislative Chair
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Hesperia Unified

Paul Zamoyta
Desert/Mountain
Bear Valley Unified

SANDABS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

2:01 to 4:31 p.m.

1.0 Call to Order and Roll Call

Karen Gray called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. and confirmed a quorum through roll call attendance of SANDABS Executive Committee members.

Establishment of a Quorum

Desert/Mountain Educational Service Center, Apple Valley

Executive Committee:
Christina Behringer, Snowline Joint Unified
Eric Swanson, Hesperia Unified
Paul Zamoyta, Bear Valley Unified

San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS) Staff:
Caren Keele, Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Project Analyst, Communications and IGR

Dorothy Inghram Learning Center, San Bernardino

Executive Committee:
Cali Binks, Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified
Israel Fuentes, Colton Joint Unified
Cindy Gardner, Rim of the World Unified
Karen Gray, Silver Valley Unified
Frank Miranda, Colton Joint Unified
David Olney, Hesperia Unified

SBCSS Staff:
James Fields, Senior Manager, IGR and Communications
Velicia Valero, Recording Secretary

West End Educational Service Center, Rancho Cucamonga

Executive Committee:
Ricky Alyassi, West End Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)
Sherman Garnett, Upland Unified *(Arrived at Agenda Item 3.0)*
Douglass Moss, Mountain View
Amy Nguyen-Hernandez, Central
Jenny Owen, Director, Communications and IGR *(Designee)*

SBCSS Staff:
Jennifer Loa, Project Specialist, Communications and IGR
Dennis Mobley, Governance Consultant, Communications and IGR

Executive Committee Members Absent:

Ted Alejandre, County Superintendent
Cuauhtémoc Avila, Rialto Unified
Garry Cameron, Needles Unified
Don English, Chaffey Joint Union High
Trenae Nelson, Apple Valley Unified

2.0 Adoption of Public Comment Guidelines

The Executive Committee asked if there were any public comments regarding the guidelines for the provision of public comment at meetings. The proposed guidelines were distributed to the Executive Committee and were made available for public viewing. The following public comments were provided:

Desert/Mountain Educational Service Center

No public comment.

Dorothy Inghram Learning Center

No public comment.

West End Educational Service Center

Maria Isabel Arias, #youtoomovement, expressed desire for SANDABS to comply with the Brown Act and requested for public participation and public comments to be made available virtually as well as in-person as this would be more accommodating for individuals with disabilities who could have difficulty attending in person. She also asked that interpretation services be provided to members of the Spanish speaking community.

Following public comment, the Executive Committee reviewed and discussed the guidelines for the provision of public comment at meetings. Israel Fuentes proposed changing the allotted time for members of the public to comment from twenty minutes to fifteen minutes, with the understanding the time can always be extended if necessary in the future. Ricky Alyassi and Douglass Moss stated the allotted time for public comments should remain as proposed at twenty minutes.

Israel Fuentes moved to adopt the Public Comment Guidelines, with the change to allot fifteen minutes for members of the public to comment and the option to extend the allotted time in the future if necessary. Frank Miranda seconded the motion.

Aye: David Olney, Karen Gray, Cindy Gardner, Cali Binks, Jenny Owen, Christina Behringer, Israel Fuentes, Frank Miranda, Amy Ngyuen-Hernandez, Eric Swanson, Paul Zamoyta

Nay: Ricky Alyassi, Douglass Moss

Motion Passed: 11-2

3.0 Public Comments

Members of the public were provided the opportunity to provide comment on agenda items and non-agenda items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Executive Committee.

Desert/Mountain Educational Service Center

No public comment.

Dorothy Inghram Learning Center

No public comment.

West End Educational Service Center

Rita Fernandez-Loof, expressed concern about bills related to public funding and its allocations. She shared the work being done by the West End SELPA is serving as a model for other organizations. She stated SELPA policy and reimbursement services are causing financial strain to the districts.

Maria Barabino, #youtoomovement, discussed a complaint that was filed with Jason Anderson, San Bernardino County District Attorney in 2021. She discussed the Opinion of Attorney General Rob Bonta regarding SANDBAS and the Brown Act. She expressed her opinion regarding County Superintendent Ted Alejandre and the SANDABS Executive Committee.

Maria Isabel Arias, #youtoomovement, stated that she is the founder of the #youtoomovement. She expressed they are an entity that have advocated for the special needs community since 2017. She stated their entity has followed SANDABS closely and filed a complaint with San Bernardino County District Attorney Jason Anderson in 2021 and Attorney General Rob Bonta in 2024. She expressed her opinion regarding County Superintendent Ted Alejandre and the SANDABS Executive Committee.

4.0 Approval of February 14, 2024 Minutes

The SANDABS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for February 14, 2024, were included with the agenda and were presented for approval by the Executive Committee. There were no comments from the Executive Committee regarding the minutes.

Cali Binks moved to approve the February 14, 2024, SANDABS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Israel Fuentes seconded the motion.

Aye: David Olney, Karen Gray, Cindy Gardner, Cali Binks, Jenny Owen, Ricky Alyassi, Christina Behringer, Israel Fuentes, Sherman Garnett, Frank Miranda, Douglass Moss, Amy Nguyen-Hernandez, Eric Swanson

Nay: None

Abstain: Paul Zamoyta

Motion Passed: 13-0

5.0 County Superintendent of Schools Update

Jenny Owen, as County Superintendent Ted Alejandre's designee, provided the following update to the Executive Committee:

- The Budget Perspective Workshop: 2024-25 May Revision will take place at the West End Educational Service Center in Rancho Cucamonga, California from 1 to 3 p.m.

6.0 Review of Legislation and Activities by Legislative Advocates

6.1 Sacramento, CA Update

Kevin Gordon, President, and Caitlin Jung, Legislative Counsel, with Capitol Advisors Group, provided the following state education updates on legislative, budget, and policy issues:

- Governor Gavin Newsom will be releasing the 2024-25 May Revision by Friday, May 10. The following details were provided:
    - There are expected to be reductions to funding for school facilities and construction as well as community colleges and universities. Funding for K-12 education is expected to remain the same.
    - The Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) is expected to be 1.07 percent.
    - The Legislative Analyst's Office will release its analyses of the May Revision within the following two weeks.
    - Governor Gavin Newsom will sign the 2024-25 Budget Act by June 15.

Eric Swanson asked if there are any discussions regarding the school district's current role in absorbing the cost of deferrals. Kevin Gordon stated there are no ongoing discussions at this time. Frank Miranda asked if there are any discussions on reducing the restrictions in place for the Local Control Accountability Plan due to the Minimum Proportion Value. Kevin Gordon stated there are no ongoing discussions at this time.

6.2 Washington, D.C. Update

Kevin Gordon, President, and Caitlin Jung, Legislative Counsel, with Capitol Advisors Group, discussed the SANDABS Federal Advocacy Report and provided the following federal education updates on legislative, budget, and policy issues:

- U.S. Congress is in its Appropriations process for the next budget cycle. President Joe Biden proposed modest increases to education across Title I funding.

7.0 Adoption of Positions on Pending Legislation

Caitlin Jung introduced the addendum to Agenda Item 7.0 to the SANDABS Executive Committee. The addendum was distributed to the Executive Committee and made available for public viewing.

State Legislative Proposals

Recommend: Support

7.1 Assembly Bill (AB) 2715 by Assembly Member Tasha Boerner: Ralph M. Brown Act: closed sessions.

Israel Fuentes moved to adopt a support position as recommended by Capitol Advisors Group. Amy Nguyen-Hernandez seconded the motion.

Aye: David Olney, Karen Gray, Cindy Gardner, Cali Binks, Jenny Owen, Ricky Alyassi, Christina Behringer, Israel Fuentes, Sherman Garnett, Frank Miranda, Douglass Moss, Amy Nguyen-Hernandez, Eric Swanson, Paul Zamoyta

Nay: None

Motion passed 14-0

7.2 Senate Bill (SB) 1429 by Senator Ochoa Bogh: Education finance: emergencies: snowstorms.

Israel Fuentes moved to adopt a support position as recommended by Capitol Advisors Group. Eric Swanson seconded the motion.

Aye: David Olney, Karen Gray, Cindy Gardner, Cali Binks, Jenny Owen, Ricky Alyassi, Christina Behringer, Israel Fuentes, Sherman Garnett, Frank Miranda, Douglass Moss, Amy Nguyen-Hernandez, Eric Swanson, Paul Zamoyta

Nay: None

Motion passed 14-0

Recommend: Oppose

7.3 AB 2088 by Assembly Member Kevin McCarty: K-14 classified employees: part-time or full-time vacancies: public postings.

Douglass Moss moved to adopt an oppose position as recommended by Capitol Advisors Group. Israel Fuentes seconded the motion.

Aye: David Olney, Karen Gray, Cindy Gardner, Cali Binks, Jenny Owen, Ricky Alyassi, Christina Behringer, Israel Fuentes, Sherman Garnett, Frank Miranda, Douglass Moss, Amy Nguyen-Hernandez, Eric Swanson, Paul Zamoyta

Nay: None

Motion passed 14-0

Recommend: Oppose Unless Amended

7.4 AB 2901 by Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry: School and community college employees: paid disability and parental leave.

Eric Swanson moved to adopt an oppose unless amended position as recommended by Capitol Advisors Group. Cindy Gardner seconded the motion.

Aye: David Olney, Karen Gray, Cindy Gardner, Cali Binks, Jenny Owen, Ricky Alyassi, Christina Behringer, Israel Fuentes, Sherman Garnett, Frank Miranda, Douglass Moss, Amy Nguyen-Hernandez, Eric Swanson, Paul Zamoyta

Nay: None

Motion passed 14-0

Federal Legislative Proposals

There were no additional developments on Agenda Items 7.5 through 7.6.

8.0 Elected Officials Reports

Corrine Mora, Field Representative from the office of Congressman Jay Obernotle, commended students who participated in the 2024 Congressional Art Competition. The 2024 Congressional App Challenge will be announced in late summer. She shared her appreciation for the SBCSS Legislative Connect event that took place in April 2024.

Michael Glauser, Field Representative from the office of Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh, shared SB 1368: School curriculum: sexual health education and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention education: health framework: pregnancy centers and SB 1435: Books and other school materials: obscene matter, both by the Senator, failed to pass from the Senate. He thanked the Executive Committee for their support for SB 1429: Education finance: emergencies: snowstorms by the Senator.

Iris Gutierrez, Field Representative from the office of Assemblymember Tom Lackey, shared the Assemblymember's positions on current legislation.

Kimberly Mesen, District Director from the office of First District Supervisor Paul Cook, provided an update on the 2024-25 budget. She shared she attended the SkillsUSA California event and learned several students from the county participate in the competition.

Jonita Moore, CSBA PACER, shared the following updates:

- She visited Rim of the World Unified and their Career Technical Education programs.
- CSBA Golden Bell nominations are open until June 28.
- The Budget Perspectives Workshop: 2024-25 May Revision will take place on Thursday, May 23, 2024, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the West End Educational Service Center in Rancho Cucamonga, California.
- Various CSBA trainings and workshops have been going well.
- She asked any local education agencies that created resolutions regarding Artificial Intelligence to please send them to her.

9.0 Closed Session

9.1 The Executive Committee went into closed session pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(2) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Significant Exposure to Litigation – Brown Act Compliance at 4:05 p.m.

9.2 The Executive Committee reconvened in open session. There was no action taken to report out.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the SANDABS Executive Committee will be held on June 12, 2024, at 2 p.m. at the following locations:

- **Desert/Mountain Educational Service Center**

  17800 Highway 18, Indigo Room, Apple Valley, California 92307
- **Dorothy Inghram Learning Center**

  670 East Carnegie, Room C, San Bernardino, California 92407
- **West End Educational Service Center**

  8265 Aspen Avenue, Rains Room, Rancho Cucamonga, California 91730